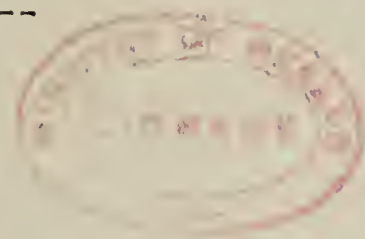


ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945



Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 28/46, the Report is prepared on the same lines as in 1944.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Registrar General's estimated population for 1945 - 5,284.

	Live Births.			Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Legitimate	37	35	72	13.62
Illegitimate	2	1	3	0.56
Total	39	36	75	14.19

	Still Births.			Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.
	Males.	Females	Total.	
Legitimate	4	2	6	1.13
Illegitimate	0	1	1	0.18
Total	4	3	7	1.32

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Infantile Mortality Rate.
Legitimate	1	2	3	41.66 per 1,000 legitimate live births.
Illegitimate	0	0	0	Nil.
Total	1	2	3	40.00 per 1,000 legitimate and illegitimate live births.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1945 was 46 per 1,000 live births.

DEATHS.

Males.	Females.	Total.
27	20	47

Death Rate per 1,000 civilian population:- 8.89.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.4 per 1,000.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes (Headings 29 and 30 of Registrar General's Short List) :-

No. 29 Puerperal & Post-abortion Sepsis	0
No. 30 Other Maternal causes	0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	8
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

CAUSES OF DEATH - RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 6 Respiratory Tuberculosis	2
No.14 Cancer stomach and duodenum	1
No.15 Cancer breast	1
No.16 Cancer of all other sites	6
No.17 Diabetes	1
No.18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions	5
No.19 Heart Diseases	14
No.21 Bronchitis	2
No.22 Pneumonia	3
No.23 Other respiratory diseases	1
No.27 Digestive diseases	2
No.28 Nephritis	2
No.31 Premature birth	2
No.32 Infantile diseases	1
No.35 Violent causes	1
No.36 All other causes	3

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1945.

CIVILIANS ONLY.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	2	0
Whooping Cough	7	0	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Erysipelas	2	1	0
Measles	70	0	0
Pneumonia	4	0	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Dysentery	1	0	0
Total	89	4	3

Disease	AGE GROUPS.							
	0-	1-	2-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over.
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Measles	1	1	23	41	4	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

SCABIES.

11 cases of Scabies were notified, 9 cases were treated at the County Hospital and 2 cases were treated at home.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945.

Age periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 -	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
5 -	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
15 -	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 -	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
45 -	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
65 -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

There has been no widespread outbreak of infectious disease.

The Birth-rate is practically the same as 1944 and likewise the Death-rate, which continues at a Rate much lower than the average for England and Wales.

WATER.

Most of the Townships in this area have a piped water supply obtained either from reservoirs in their own area, as in the case of Timble and part of Pool, or directly from Leeds and Otley sources.

The Townships of Newall with Clifton and Clifton with Norwood are in urgent need of adequate supplies of pure water, and schemes are at present being considered by the Council for solving this very urgent problem.

Samples from each and every supply are regularly collected and sent to the County Laboratories for bacteriological and chemical examinations. The large majority of all houses and farms have a piped water supply, but in Newall with Clifton, Denton and Weston there are still a few farms and cottages supplied from stand pipes.

SEWERAGE.

At Pool some lengths of the existing sewers have had to be re-laid owing to defects and fractures. The Sewageworks are in urgent need of extension, and it is expected that additional land will be obtained very soon. At Middleton a new sewer is in course of construction to connect with the Ilkley sewerage system.

HOUSING.

Schemes are being prepared for the building of houses at Pool, and a survey of all the Townships is being made, and if a need is found other schemes will be initiated.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor follows.

I am very grateful and offer my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, the Sanitary Inspector and other Officers for their valued help and co-operation at all times.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. WOLFE M.D., B.S., D.P.H.,

August, 1946.

WHARFEDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Rural Council Offices,
Boroughgate,
Otley.
September 1946.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

It is with pleasure I submit to you my Twentieth Annual Report upon the progress in the Sanitary Department during the year ended 31st December, 1945.

During this period we saw the end of hostilities and we are hoping that normal conditions will quickly be restored and that the Wharfedale area will soon again be the scene of energetic building activity.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, the report follows the lines of the 1944 edition, and is in the same abbreviated form.

Several repairs have been carried out, although restrictions on materials have made the work very difficult, and the number of nuisances abated is considerable.

No new houses were completed during the year but the work on several dwellings was commenced, and if only goods were available, a good deal of progress could be made.

At the end of 1944 there were 6 outstanding nuisances and these, together with a further 214, were abated during the year. At the close of 1945 4 nuisances still required attention.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The Factories in the area receive periodical inspection and I have not found any serious cause for complaint, nor has there been any nuisance from the emission of black smoke.

In July there was another slight pollution of a stream by trade effluent, but this was quickly remedied and there has not been a recurrence.

I have not received any complaints from H.M. Inspector of Factories respecting nuisances from Factories in this area.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The number of licensed slaughterhouses remains the same, viz.:-

Bramhope	1
Pool	1
Langbar	2
Norwood	1

Slaughtering is still carried out at the Otley abattoir under Government restrictions, and only the private slaughter of pigs or the urgent slaughter of animals due to accidents, is carried out at the premises in this area.

All the slaughterhouses have been regularly inspected and I have not had any cause to complain.

The following table shows the number of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year.

	Slaughtered.	Inspected.
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Pigs	124	103
Sheep	1	1
Beasts	-	-

Only in one instance, where I found the glands of a pig affected with Tuberculosis, was it necessary to condemn any of the carcasses.

The use of the premises at Bramhope, registered for the production of cooked foods, has now been discontinued.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

During the year food has been inspected and dealt with as follows:-

Type of Food.	Quantity.	Action Taken.
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Condensed milk	78 13ozs. tins	Blown and destroyed.
Beans	1 16ozs. tin	ditto.
Beans	1 18ozs. tin	ditto.
Corned beef	20 6 lb. tins	Decomposed & destroyed.
Bacon	17 lbs.	Condemned and returned to wholesalers.
Cheese	17 lbs.	ditto.
Colly Fillet	18 Stones	Decomposed & destroyed.
Butter	78 lbs.	Rancid & returned to Wholesalers.
Margarine	40 lbs.	ditto.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Two samples of water have been taken for chemical examination and the reports thereon are as follows:-

	Number.	Result.
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Carlton Village Supply	1	Satisfactory.
Grass Garth Farm	1	"

Eleven samples of water have been taken for bacteriological examination and the reports thereon are as follows:-

	Number.	Result.
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Leathley Hall	2	Doubtful quality.
Roebuck Cottages, Clifton	1	Satisfactory.
Grass Garth Farm, Askwith	1	"
Yarnett House Farm, Denton	1	"
Rues Farm, Timble Great	1	"
Manor Farm, Timble Great	1	"
Shaws Hall Farm, Snowden	1	"

	Number.	Result.
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Hill Top Farm, Blubberhouses	1	Not satisfactory.
Prospect Farm, Snowden	1	"
Anchor Farm, Blubberhouses	1	"

Reference was made in my last Report to a Scheme for supplying a wholesome supply of water to Fewston and Blubberhouses and negotiations are still proceeding. The farms above, shown to have an unsatisfactory supply, will be connected to the new Scheme.

As will be seen, the supply of water to Prospect Farm; Snowden, is not satisfactory, but the only alternative in this instance is for the supply at Timble to be improved and then the farm could be connected to this service.

At Leathley the Village received unfiltered water from the main of the Leeds Corporation, which, upon analysis, was shown to be of doubtful purity. I therefore negotiated with the Engineer to the Leeds Waterworks Department and arrangements were made for a pressure reducing valve to be fitted on the main carrying filtered water, which also passes through the Village, and for a supply to be obtained from this source.

Three Cottages at Weston previously receiving an inadequate supply of water from a Spring some distance from the dwellings, have now been connected to the main of the Otley Council, and so also has Weston Lodge where water was previously obtained from an open Stream.

The long standing nuisance at Yarnett House Farm, Denton, where the supply of water was polluted, has now been abated by the laying of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of new pipes from the private source at High Denton.

At Askwith minor defects at the pumping station have again caused temporary shortages of water, but the repairs have always received immediate attention and the supply has therefore been quickly restored.

During the severe frost in February a length of main at East Beck was frozen solid, and when the thaw set in the pipe cracked and allowed the water to run to waste. A new pipe was at once laid but the residents on the low end of the main were without water for a few days.

In order to prevent a recurrence, this length of pipe was later surrounded with asbestos and pitch.

At Clifton a Scheme is being prepared for providing a fresh supply of water, and during the year 330 yards of new 3" main were laid. At a later date this length of pipe will be connected to the proposed new Scheme.

Apart from the laying of the above main, there have not been any extensions during 1945.

SEWERAGE. -----

At Carlton, a defect was found in the tippler serving the small private sewageworks and the necessary repairs were carried out by the Owner.

The work in connection with the extension of the Ilkley Sewer to serve property in Middleton Village has still not been carried out and the existing arrangements are very unsatisfactory. It is hoped, however, that the work will soon be commenced.

The Sewageworks at Askwith have functioned satisfactorily throughout the year and are very efficient.

Since the cleaning and repairing of the Sewage-works at Camp Plantation, Bramhope, referred to in my last Report, there has not been any further pollution of the dyke, and although the Works are overtaxed, they have functioned fairly satisfactorily.

At the Pool Works we are very handicapped by the small area of land which is available for filtration, but considering the difficult conditions, there has been little cause for complaint.

During the year the following lengths of sewer have been laid by the Council:-

High Ridge Bramhope	84 yards 6" pipes.
Wynmore Avenue, Bramhope	116 " 3" "

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

The production of a pure milk supply is of very great importance and in order to ensure that conditions are satisfactory I have carried out 329 inspections of farm premises during the year and only on rare occasions have I had occasion to present adverse reports.

In quite a few instances premises formerly used for cattle rearing have changed over to milk production and at the end of 1945 the number of registered wholesalers was 164 as compared with 157 in 1944.

Samples of milk have continued to be taken from "Accredited" and "Tuberculin Tested" farms, and altogether 104 were obtained, 83 of which were satisfactory and 21 not satisfactory.

Repairs and alterations have been carried out at the following premises:-

1. Mabaroan Lodge Farm, Bramhope.
2. Mount Pleasant Farm, Farnley.
3. Bank Bottom Farm, Snowden.
4. Rushfield Farm, Fewston.
5. Meagill Hall Farm, Fewston.
6. Carr Farm, Askwith.
7. Bramley Farm, Timble Great.
8. Winsover Farm, Middleton.
9. Ibbotson Farm, Askwith.
10. Highfield Farm, Denton.
11. Home Farm, Arthington.
12. Town End Farm, Askwith.
13. Sand Hill Farm, Snowden.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Until the 1st November when this service was transferred to the Otley Council, the ambulance was run by our drivers and garaged at the A.R.P. Depot at Pool.

Since that date the Otley Council has been responsible and we pay a proportion of the running costs etc.

I set out below the journeys and mileage travelled since the service was inaugurated until the 1st November when the Otley Council became responsible:-

	Journeys.	Mileage.
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1941	66	1,316
1942	103	2,235
1943	145	2,990
1944	158	3,673
1945 to 1st November	125	2,955

SALVAGE.

This work has continued throughout the year and although hostilities have ended the Government urge that collection of rags, bones and paper be continued, as this waste is still in great demand.

As Members are aware, the cost of the work is heavy, but we have had good results, and in 1945 our collections per 1,000 population were the highest for any rural district in the whole of Yorkshire.

INSPECTIONS.

Farms	329
Public Health	382
Housing	235
Drains	49
Sewers	127
Sewageworks	83
Schools	35
Slaughterhouses	25
Factories	23
Houses & other premises disinfected	9

NOTICES SERVED.

Milk & Dairies Order.

Notice of Breach of Regulations	2
Circulars re Limewashing	270
Letters etc.	5

Public Health Act, 1946.

Section 93	2
Section 56 (1)	1
Section 45	1
Letters etc.	82
Circulars re deposit of nightsoil	193

Housing Notices.

Informal Notices (letters etc.)	47
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NUISANCES ABATED. -----

Privies abolished	3
W.C's. provided in lieu of privies	4
Elsan closets provided in lieu of privies	1
Sanitary conveniences repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Additional W.C's. provided to existing property	...	...	...	...	6
Obstructions removed from sewers	...	...	...	...	6
Defective sewers repaired or relaid	...	...	...	...	2
Obstructions removed from drains	...	...	...	...	6
Defective drains repaired or relaid	...	...	...	...	3
Septic Tanks provided to treat sewage effluent	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisances caused by pollution of streams and watercourses	...	...	...	...	5
New Inspection Chamber covers provided in lieu of broken or defective ones	...	...	...	...	3
Additional Inspection Chambers provided	...	...	...	...	4
Nuisances caused by overflowing cesspools	...	...	...	...	1
Sewageworks repaired or cleaned	...	...	...	...	3
Nuisances caused by surface water flooding	...	...	...	...	4
Nuisances caused by discharge of sewage on to land	...	...	...	...	2
Nuisances caused by deposit of nightsoil	...	...	...	...	2
Obstructions removed from water courses	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisances caused by overhanging trees	...	...	...	...	2
Dirty or verminous houses cleaned and disinfected	...	...	...	...	2
Obstructions removed from water mains	...	...	...	...	1
Water mains and services repaired	...	...	...	...	10
Water pumping equipment repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Water pumps repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Houses provided with fresh supply of water as a result of previous supply being inadequate or polluted	...	...	...	...	31
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	9
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Chimney stacks repaired or repointed	...	...	...	...	3
House roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	15
House windows repaired	...	...	...	...	9
Houses provided with additional light	...	...	...	...	3
External house walls repointed	...	...	...	...	13
House floors repaired or relaid	...	...	...	...	5
House walls replastered	...	...	...	...	16
Old property provided with baths & hot & cold water	...	...	...	...	5
House ceilings replastered or repaired	...	...	...	...	4
New fireplaces fixed	...	...	...	...	11
Dilapidated sinks repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	5
House drives and paths repaired	...	...	...	...	6

Several improvements had to be deferred owing to the shortage of labour and materials, but as soon as conditions improve the work of the district will become increasingly heavy and water and sewerage schemes will have to be carried out in several of the outlying Parishes.

The provision of houses is another important matter and we hope that during 1946 a great deal of progress will be made in this direction.

The health of the district has been exceedingly good and there has not been any prevalence of infectious disease.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, to our Clerk (Mr. Newstead) our Assistant Clerk (Mr. Light - who after many years' service has now retired) and to Dr. Wolfe (our Medical Officer of Health) for their valued help and support during a year in which much useful work has been done.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A.ASHWORTH

Cert.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,

